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## *The United States Recognizes the State of Israel* *Secretary Marshall to Eliahu Epstein, May 14, 1948*

**D**EAR MR. EPSTEIN: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 14, 1948 and to inform you that on May 14, 1948 at 6: 11 p.m., Washington time, the President of the United States issued the following statement:

“This Government has been informed that a Jewish state has been proclaimed in Palestine, and recognition has been requested by the provisional government thereof.

“The United States recognizes the provisional government as the *de facto* authority of the new State of Israel.”

Sincerely yours,

G.C. MARSHALL

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